

R657. Natural Resources, Wildlife Resources.

R657-5. Taking Big Game.

R657-5-1. Purpose and Authority.

(1) Under authority of Sections 23-14-18 and 23-14-19, the Wildlife Board has established this rule for taking deer, elk, pronghorn, moose, bison, bighorn sheep, and Rocky Mountain goat.

(2) Specific dates, areas, methods of take, requirements, and other administrative details which may change annually are published in the Bucks, Bulls and Once-In-A-Lifetime Proclamation and the Antlerless Addendum to the Bucks, Bulls and Once-In-A-Lifetime Proclamation of the Wildlife Board for taking big game.

R657-5-22. Possession of Antlers and Horns.

(1) A person may possess antlers or horns or parts of antlers or horns only from:

- (a) lawfully harvested big game;
- (b) antlers or horns lawfully obtained as provided in Section R657-5-21; or
- (c) shed antlers or shed horns.

(2)(a) A person may gather shed antlers or shed horns or parts of shed antlers or shed horns ~~[only]~~at any time. An authorization is required to gather shed antlers or shed horns or parts of shed antlers or shed horns during the shed antler and shed horn season published in the Bucks, Bulls, Once-in-a-Lifetime, Proclamation of the Wildlife Board for taking big game.

(b) ~~[No permit, license or Certificate or Registration is required]~~A person must complete a wildlife harassment and habitat destruction prevention course annually to obtain the required authorization to gather shed antlers [and shed horns]during the antler gathering season.

(3) "Shed antler" means an antler which:

- (a) has been dropped naturally from a big game animal as part of its annual life cycle; and
- (b) has a rounded base commonly known as the antler button or burr attached which signifies a natural life cycle process.

(4) "Shed horn" means the sheath from the horn of a pronghorn that has been dropped naturally as part of its annual life cycle. No other big game species shed their horns naturally.

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